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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
CASHLESS ACTUATED GAMING  
SYSTEM

Examiner: Aaron J. Capron

Group Art Unit: 3714

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In the Specification:

On pages 6 and 7, kindly delete the present SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION,  
and substitute the following:

An apparatus embodiment of the invention is suitable for use in a gaming  
system. In such an environment, a medium, such as a ticket, may be validated by  
providing a gaming machine comprising:

- (1) a display arranged to display a credit amount;



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